

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) In a computer network having two or more computing devices in communication, a method for managing data available for access on the network, the method comprising:

obtaining, at a host computing device included as part of the computer network and associated with a user, a first user request to identify data corresponding to a set of criteria, the set of criteria including a unique security ID associated with the user;

verifying the authorization of the user to access the data corresponding to the set of criteria based on the unique security ID;

obtaining an identification of data stored on the host computing device associated with the first user request and matching the set of criteria;

automatically obtaining an identification of data stored on at least one computing device included in the computer network and matching the set of criteria;

merging the identification of data stored on the host computing device associated with the user request and the identification of data stored on the at least one computing device included in the computer network;

generating a result of the merging the identification of data stored on the host computing device associated with the first user request and the identification of data stored on the at least one computing device included in the computer network;

maintaining a record of the result of the merging the identification of data stored on the host computing device associated with the first user request and the identification of data stored on the at least one computing device included in the computer network;

obtaining, at the host computing device, a second user request to identify data corresponding to the set of criteria;

obtaining an identification of content stored on the host computing device associated with the second user request and matching the set of criteria;

determining that at least one other computing device is not available to receive a content query;

recalling the record of the result of the merging the identification of data stored on the host computing device associated with the first user request and the identification of data stored on the at least one computing device of the two or more computing devices included in the computer network;

merging the identification of data stored on the host computing device associated with the second user request and the record of the result of the merging the identification of data stored on the host computing device associated with the first user request and the identification of data stored on the at least one computing device of the two or more computing devices included in the computer network; and

generating a result of the merging the identification of data stored on the host computing device associated with the second user request and the record of the result of the merging the identification of data stored on the host computing device associated with the user request and the identification of data stored on the at least one computing device of the two or more computing devices included in the computer network.

2-11. (Canceled)

12. (Previously presented) The method as recited in Claim 1, wherein generating the result of the merging the identification of data stored on the host computing device associated with the second user request and the record of the result of the merging the identification of data stored on the host computing device associated with the first user request and the identification of data stored on the at least one computing device included in the computer network includes generating visual cues corresponding to the data not currently available to the user.

13-14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently amended) In a computer network having two or more computing devices in communication, a method for managing data available for access on the network, the method comprising:

obtaining a user request to identify content stored on the two or more computing devices, wherein one of the two or more computing devices is a local computing device;

automatically querying the two or more computing devices within the computer network to identify the contents of local computing device storage locations associated with a unique user security identifier;

verifying the authorization of the user to access the data corresponding to the set of criteria based on the unique user security identifier;

merging results of the querying;

displaying the results of the merged query results;

maintaining a record of the result of the merging the results of the querying;

obtaining a second user request to identify content stored on the two or more computing devices;

obtaining an identification of content stored on a computing device associated with the unique user security identifier and matching the unique user identifier;

determining that at least one of two or more computing devices is not available to receive a content query;

recalling the record of the result of the merging of the results of the querying;

merging the identification of data stored on the computing device associated with the unique user security identifier and the record of the result of the merging of the results of the querying; and

generating a result of the merging the identification of data stored on the computing device associated with the unique user security identifier and the record of the result of the merging of the results of the querying.

16-23. (Canceled)

24. (Previously presented) The method as recited in Claim 15, wherein displaying the results of the merge query results includes generating visual cues corresponding to the data not currently available to the user.

25-26. (Canceled)

27. (Currently amended) In a computer network having a computing device directly associated with a user and at least one remote computing device in communication, a method for managing data available for access on the network, the method comprising:

obtaining, by the computing device directly associated with the user, a first request to identify data corresponding to a set of criteria, the set of criteria including a unique security ID associated with the user;

verifying the authorization of the user to access the data corresponding to the set of criteria based on the unique security ID;

obtaining, by the computing device directly associated with the user, an identification of locally stored content matching the set of criteria;

transmitting, by the computing device directly associated with the user, the first request to the remote computing device for an identification of content matching the set of criteria;

obtaining, by the remote computing device, an identification of locally stored content matching the set of criteria;

transmitting, by the remote computing device, the identification of locally stored content matching the set of criteria;

merging, by the computing device directly associated with the user, content matching the set of criteria;

generating, by the computing device directly associated with the user, a result of the merged content matching the set of criteria;

maintaining a record of the result of the merging of content matching the set of criteria;
obtaining, by the computing device directly associated with the user, a second request to identify data corresponding to the set of criteria;
obtaining, by the computing device directly associated with the user, an identification of locally stored content matching the set of criteria;
determining, by the computing device directly associated with the user, that the remote computing device is not available to receive a content query;
recalling, by the computing device directly associated with the user, the record of the result of the merging of content matching the set of criteria;
merging, by the computing device directly associated with the user, the identification of locally stored content matching the set of criteria and the record of the result of the merging of content matching the set of criteria; and
generating a result of the merging of the identification of locally stored content matching the set of criteria and the record of the result of the merging of content matching the set of criteria.

28-36. (Canceled)

37. (Previously presented) The method as recited in Claim 27, wherein generating the result of the merging of the identification of locally stored content matching the set of criteria and the record of the result of the merging of content matching the set of criteria includes generating visual cues corresponding to the data not currently available to the user.

38-39. (Canceled)